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Washington, DC - Today, during the election of the Democratic leadership team for the 112th Congress, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) nominated Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA-31) to be Vice-Chair of the Democratic Caucus for the 112th Congress. The following comments were made by Congresswoman McCollum to the full membership of the Democratic Caucus:

"It is my honor to nominate our colleague, Xavier Becerra, for the leadership position of Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Caucus.

"I have had the opportunity to work closely with Xavier on the Budget Committee and during health care reform. Xavier is smart, tough, and committed to a progressive Democratic agenda that will both help our families and return this caucus to the majority.

"In the 112th Congress we need Democrats who are willing to fight for the future of this country and our party. Xavier is a leader on immigration reform, fiscally responsible investments for our communities, and tax fairness for working families.

"Most of all, I am impressed with Xavier's commitment to listen to all the diverse voices in our caucus. That's why I am standing here today - a member of Minnesota's Democratic Farmer Labor Party nominating a Latino leader from Los Angeles - because Xavier listens to the diverse voices in this caucus, he cares, and he is determined to move the entire caucus forward

"Again, I am proud to nominate Xavier Becerra as Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Caucus for the 112th Congress."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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